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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN COMMENT ON SECRETARY BUTZ

PERSONAL FOR SECRETARY BUTZ FROM AMBASSADOR

1. YOU MADE A TERRIFIC HIT WITH PROFESSOR IVAN POPOV, DEPUTY PREMIER (AND SENIOR ECONOMIC POLICY-MAKER OF BULGARIA) DURING HIS VISIT WITH YOU SEPTEMBER 24. HE SAID IN ADDITION TO BEING UTTERLY CHARMED BY HIS RECEPTION, HE FOUND YOU "EXTREMELY COMPETENT, A FIRST-CLASS SPECIALIST, AND A STRAIGHT TALKER". AS YOU KNOW, POPOV HOPES VERY MUCH THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO COME TO BULGARIA.

2. FROM VANTAGE POINT OF THIS EMBASSY SUCH A VISIT WOULD MAKE GOOD SENSE SINCE THERE EXISTS A VALID BASIS FOR US-BULGARIAN CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, AS BROUGHT OUT BY THE SUCCESS OF OUR PAVILION AT THE PLOVDIV FAIR WHERE TWO SPECIALISTS FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO COOPERATED VERY HELPSULLY. POPOV SAID HE WILL SOON SEND YOU A FORMAL INVITATION. HERZ

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